

**Commissioners Meeting  
October 15, 2013**

**Present:** David Gogel, Mickey Toler, Al Logsdon, Chuck Painter, Attorney Jeff Lindsey, Auditor Jane Lynam

**Absent:** Tara Lloyd

Meeting was called to order by President David Gogel at 1:00 P.M.

**Minutes**

Logsdon made a motion to approve the minutes from October 1<sup>st</sup>. Toler seconded the motion, motion approved.

**Highway Report**

Painter reported that everything we had on our chip and seal list has been completed. Gohmann is working on 1250 N laying asphalt; will still need to stripe and lay shoulder stone.

Logsdon said he had been asked if we could possibly put white stripes on the edge of Fulda Shortcut Road because it is such a dangerous stretch of road. Painter said he didn't see why we couldn't if that's what the Commissioners want to do; it would come out of CEDIT funds. Toler said we would have to make that decision based on safety factors. Painter said he would check into the cost and they could discuss it at a later meeting. Bid specs came out in the paper today; we will open them on November 5<sup>th</sup> and award them on November 19<sup>th</sup>.

Alan and Bill Kron had contacted Painter about flooding problems they were having, he said he checked the culvert and it was about  $\frac{3}{4}$  plugged up. Logsdon told Painter to call Norfolk Southern Railroad and see about getting somebody here to get that cleaned out.

Painter reported that we have a drainage problem in Vinton Woods Subdivision, along Chopline Road; there is a ditch that is grown up with trees in it. Logsdon told Painter to call the Surveyor and have him check on it and report to them at the next drainage board meeting in November. Gogel said we need to decide what we want to do about storing our salt in the building in Dale. That building needs a new roof and they would like for the county to pay half of the \$32,000 cost to repair it. Would it make sense to spend money on helping to fix that roof or should we just put up something at the Highway Garage location, we need to look into this a little further and decide what we want to do.

**Phil Brown**

Brown reported that Tom Pulley, attorney for Philadelphia Ministries wanted to know if the county would agree to let them leave the convenience store and garage. Toler asked Brown what his opinion on leaving them was and he replied that he felt both of those buildings could be salvaged. Pulley let the Commissioners know that Philadelphia Ministries have contacted Curran Miller Auction Company to conduct the auction. Logsdon said the Auction Company needs to notify potential buyers that the buildings have to come down and we need a definite date for the removal. Lindsey said the Commissioners need to move forward with asking the Council for an additional appropriation for the demolition. Lindsey asked Brown to get two quotes for demolition and if the Auction Company comes back with a definite date for the auction and they need further specificity we can do that then.

Toler made a motion to allow the convenience store and the garage to remain based on Brown's assessment that those two buildings appear to be salvageable. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion approved.

Toler made a motion to ask the Council for \$175,000 in an additional appropriation to demolish the two buildings on the property owned by Philadelphia Ministries. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion approved.

**Jim Heck-Work One Southwest**

Heck gave an update on Grow Southwest Indiana. He explained that it has been changed from a Regional Workforce Board to a new Workforce Investment Board; they have gone from a 15 person board to a 32 person board.

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*In the Jobs for American Graduates programs we have expanded from 3 programs to 8 programs because the state has given us more funds.*

*We are required to have 2 meetings each year for and with elected officials and we have one coming up on Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> and would like for everyone to attend.*

*Heck also explained that a new law took effect on October 1<sup>st</sup> that after 4 weeks of anyone drawing unemployment they are required to come into a Workforce One office to receive an overview of the services available and hopefully help them gain employment.*

***Nathan Held-St Meinrad Water Project.***

*Held updated what was going on with the St. Meinrad Water Project. Under labor standards all payroll reports have been reviewed by Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission and no discrepancies have been found. On the financial side a total of \$309,994.16 has been drawn down, an additional \$115,043.15 is pending payment by the State. At this point they aren't looking to use the whole grant amount of \$500,000 and expect to be finished with the project by early November.*

***Legal Report***

*Lindsey said he had been working on the Culvert Policy and found an Ordinance in 2000; rather than just making a change we are going to thoroughly integrate the policy and will have it ready next month. He has reviewed the specs for the Highway and everything was fine. Lindsey said the other thing he needed to bring up was the possible donation of the property located at 521 Locust Street in Grandview and what the Commissioners wanted to do. Toler said he had been in contact with The Way and someone with the Homeless Veterans and hadn't heard back from either one so no decision was made.*

*Auditor Lynam let the Commissioners know that the Health Department has decided to pursue a different avenue for spending the new grant money, other than the sign on the Courthouse lawn. They are now looking into something similar to the call system that the school system uses. Kati Richard said that the Health Department, Sheriff's Office and EMA were having a meeting on Wednesday morning at 9:30 in the Assembly room to discuss the Code Red system.*

*Logsdon made a motion to hold the first meeting in December on Monday December 2<sup>nd</sup> instead of Tuesday December 3<sup>rd</sup> due to the annual Conference for County Commissioners being held in Indianapolis on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Toler seconded the motion, motion approved.*

***Theresa Cail-Flood Plain***

*Cail presented an Ordinance Amending The Spencer County Zoning Ordinance Adopting Flood Hazard Area Regulations As Required By The Indiana Department of Natural Resources. After discussion Logsdon made a motion to introduce and have the first reading of Ordinance No 2013-10. Toler second the motion, motion approved.*

*Lindsey said he had a conflict for the meeting on December 2<sup>nd</sup>; he has a trial in Perry County. After some discussion Logsdon withdrew the motion to change the December meeting date.*

***Cleaning Proposals-Estimate***

*Toler explained that he had asked Todd Menhennitt of M&M Cleaning for a break down on stripping and reapplying a water base seal to the floors in the courthouse. Toler will get with Menhennitt and get more definite square footage information and get that information back to everyone. The other part of the report was the feed back in response to the visits Menhennitt had with each office holder.*

***Kent Groves-Chrisney Fire Department***

*Groves spoke to the Commissioners and said they felt like they were being short changed so to speak as to the AK Steel Settlement Funds. They are asking for an additional \$35,000 to pay off the new rescue truck they purchased. They purchased the truck thinking they would be receiving more money than the \$24,900 they actually received.*

*Jimmy Perkins explained that they need to get this truck paid off because they need to buy a new pumper truck. The one they need to replace is a 1976 truck which will probably not pass the next pumper inspection. Groves said after the meeting at Honey Creek they filed a request for \$65,000 on April 5, 2012 to go before the Redevelopment Commission but nothing was ever done, so they came back to the Commissioners to see if there was anything else that could be*

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done. Gogel explained that all three boards, Redevelopment Commission, Commissioners, and County Council had all agreed to not expend any additional money from the AK Steel Settlement Funds because they have to have enough to pay legal fees.

Toler suggested they explain to the other groups what they had explained to the Commissioners and see what happens, because all three groups have to agree. Make your case to the County Council and maybe we can figure out something down the road. Logsdon said we can't originate the request, it has to come from the Redevelopment Commission.

Toler made a motion to adjourn. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:13 P.M.

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President

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Auditor